

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRY L. BIERLEY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action

No. 05-49 E

MICHAEL GROLUMOND, et al.,

Defendants.

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Transcript of proceedings on May 25, 2005,  
United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,  
before Thomas M. Hardiman, District Judge

APPEARANCES:

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1 (Proceedings of May 27, 2005).

2 (In chambers; all counsel and Mr. Bierley present via  
3 telephone).

4 THE COURT: Good afternoon, gentlemen, and  
5 Ms. Butler. We have Mr. Bierley representing himself,  
6 correct?

7 MR. BIERLEY: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: And Mr. Carey and Ms. Butler for the  
9 defense, is that right?

10 MR. CAREY: Yes, Your Honor.

11 MS. BUTLER: That's right, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: I have a Court Reporter with me in  
13 chambers and we are on the record. I would ask that each of  
14 you identify yourselves by name before you speak.

15 I have had an opportunity to study the complaint  
16 and the motion to dismiss and, Mr. Bierley, according to your  
17 complaint on February 5th, 2005 --

18 MR. BIERLEY: Excuse me, sir, that was corrected to  
19 February 3rd. I was so upset I put a wrong date on there.

20 THE COURT: All right. On February 3rd, 2005, you  
21 appeared in the Erie County Courthouse to meet with the Deputy  
22 Prothonotary, correct?

23 MR. BIERLEY: Not quite, but I went down there to  
24 take care of some business at the Prothonotary's Office on a  
25 civil matter between me and another person.

1 THE COURT: All right. You did not provide any  
2 prior notice to your parole officer, correct?

3 MR. BIERLEY: Right. And I did not have any reason  
4 to believe I should.

5 THE COURT: Okay. And you were asked to leave the  
6 courthouse, correct?

7 MR. BIERLEY: I was ordered to leave the  
8 courthouse, sir.

9 THE COURT: You were ordered to leave the  
10 courthouse. And --

11 MR. BIERLEY: I did.

12 THE COURT: And you did leave the courthouse.

13 MR. BIERLEY: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: All right. Well, the record indicates  
15 that you went to trial before Judge DiSantis, correct?

16 MR. BIERLEY: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: And as part of the sentence that Judge  
18 DiSantis imposed there was a condition that limited your  
19 access to the Erie County Courthouse and that you would be  
20 permitted there only to conduct business, to testify as a  
21 witness, or to attend functions or go to non-court related  
22 offices for personal matters. And if you wanted to do any of  
23 that, you had to give prior notice to your parole officer.  
24 That's what the transcript indicates.

25 MR. BIERLEY: I take exception to that, sir. I

1 would say the transcript says that if I were conducting  
2 personal business I was allowed to be there. But this was  
3 never given to me at all anyways. I was put in prison and I  
4 was never allowed to see any of this.

5 MS. BUTLER: Your Honor, may I interject? This is  
6 Ms. Butler.

7 THE COURT: Yes, go ahead.

8 MS. BUTLER: First and foremost, Mr. Bierley was  
9 convicted by a jury for the charges that were imposed upon him  
10 over which Judge DiSantis presided. The transcript that is  
11 attached to Mr. Carey's motion to dismiss I believe  
12 specifically states that Mr. Bierley was in the courtroom, in  
13 fact heard the instructions from the Court, and Mr. Bierley  
14 attaches Judge DiSantis' notice to his complaint. How can he  
15 say he never had it?

16 MR. BIERLEY: May I answer that?

17 THE COURT: Yes, go ahead, Mr. Bierley.

18 MR. BIERLEY: I was supposedly required to take a  
19 Public Defender who didn't do his job correctly. He never  
20 allowed me to see any part of the transcript. I was so sick  
21 that day I couldn't even speak because I had and I am trying  
22 to get over serious sinus and throat problems and such. And I  
23 still maintain from reading the transcript that it does not  
24 say I was not allowed there without permission for my own  
25 business, but, nevertheless, the memo that I got come about in

1 this manner. I went down there to conduct my business, and I  
2 was, and he came in and ordered me out.

3 And I told him, sir, on what ground are you  
4 ordering me out of here?

5 And he told me on the ground of an order by Judge  
6 DiSantis. It was told to the sheriff and his boss and  
7 lieutenant, Mr. -- oh, brother, I am getting excited --  
8 Lieutenant Brandon, and I had to leave immediately.

9 And I again asked him, I said, well, where's a copy  
10 of this item, I have never seen this. And I asked him, I  
11 said, if you're going to serve an arrest warrant, don't you  
12 have to give me a copy of the complaint?

13 Oh, yes, I do.

14 And do you have a copy of this complaint?

15 No, sir; but I will make sure you get a copy of it  
16 soon.

17 And so after I got the name, Steve Brandon's first  
18 name and Erik Christensen's name, because I didn't know the  
19 name of my parole officer yet, I left there.

20 And another thing, sir, I am not on parole. This  
21 is a fictitious thing set up by Judge DiSantis to cover his  
22 buns because on December 28th after I compelled him through my  
23 habeas corpus in federal court to obey the Rule 601, I believe  
24 it is, or Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure to give me  
25 bond pending appeal -- because under the circumstances the

1 statute did not say that it was a matter of discretion for the  
2 judge or for anything that had less than three years of total  
3 sentence time, it said it was to be given. But I do not  
4 remember, I did not remember because I was so darn sick  
5 exactly what was said, but I have read that sentencing  
6 transcript and it said, Mr. Bierley will be allowed there to  
7 take care of his own business.

8 But the memo, I found out about the memo after I  
9 come home because the first thing I did when the Missus was  
10 with me was to stop at the Federal Courthouse, which is less  
11 than a block away, and get a copy of that pro se packet  
12 because I was so mad I could spit fire balls, and I came home.  
13 When I come home, the first thing I did was call Sheriff  
14 Bernstein. And Sheriff Bernstein informed me -- I am sorry,  
15 not Sheriff Bernstein -- do you have anything in the order,  
16 please check again because there is mistake here somewhere.  
17 He checked it all over; he said, no.

18 So I called Sheriff Merski and talked to him and  
19 asked him, do you have such an order?

20 And he said, yes, I do, it's here in my hands.

21 I said, would you please read it to me. And he  
22 said -- he read me the exact memo.

23 Then I was put in touch with Erik Christensen, who  
24 I had sent an order -- not an order -- to show up at the  
25 parole office on something like the last week of February. I

1 received a phone call from Erik Christensen requiring me to be  
2 there the following Monday. He said, I will give you a copy  
3 of that memo to get rid of the confusion or whatever.

4 All I said to him was, sir, I don't have any  
5 confusion, sir, I just don't -- have never seen this thing in  
6 the first place; and in the second place, where would a judge  
7 get a right to order a man out of a courthouse so he cannot  
8 conduct his legal business.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Bierley, just please slow down a  
10 little. I think you are going --

11 MR. BIERLEY: I am sorry, I am inclined to speed  
12 up, I am sorry.

13 When I went to see Mr. Erik Christensen, however,  
14 it was about mid-morning on Monday, he handed me the copy of  
15 the memo that you see on my amendment, and that's one of the  
16 reasons I did the amendment, to include that so I can say,  
17 here it is, here's the memo. But until the time Mr. Erik  
18 Christensen handed me that memo, I had never seen it, sir.

19 THE COURT: All right. I appreciate that. And I  
20 can appreciate that you are upset with what Judge DiSantis did  
21 to you. I understand that you have a quarrel with that.

22 MR. BIERLEY: Oh, yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: But I should also state for the record:  
24 Because you're a pro se litigant I am able to give you some  
25 leeway here in federal court. I am not required to hold you

1 to the same standard of pleading that a lawyer would be held.

2           However, what I am not allowed to do is ignore the  
3 law. I am not allowed to give you legal advice and I am not  
4 allowed to treat you more favorably than somebody else who is  
5 represented by counsel. Do you understand that, sir?

6           MR. BIERLEY: Yes, sir.

7           THE COURT: Okay.

8           MR. BIERLEY: There is no argument against that  
9 because if I have to handle it myself, then I am going to have  
10 to do it the best way possible and try to obey the rules. And  
11 I think I have done that.

12           THE COURT: Yes, you have. No, your papers are  
13 understandable and you seem to be a very articulate gentleman  
14 and I appreciate that.

15           Nevertheless, when I look at your complaint and  
16 your amended complaint, it's clear that the gravamen of your  
17 claim is that you want to undo what Judge DiSantis did to you.

18           MR. BIERLEY: No, sir, the gravamen of my complaint  
19 for that particular instance is to -- well, if you say undo,  
20 to undo the order against me depriving me of the right to go  
21 to the courthouse and do what I please in the law library when  
22 I have been doing that for years now. And even if I do want  
23 to do something to help somebody else, I don't feel he has any  
24 business telling me I can't do that, sir.

25           THE COURT: Right, that's why I say your dispute is



1 with that order. There's no doubt in my mind, the record is  
2 clear here when I look at the transcript of your sentencing in  
3 front of Judge DiSantis, and I will quote from it directly on  
4 Page 12 of the transcript --

5 MR. BIERLEY: I have got it.

6 THE COURT: Judge DiSantis says, and I quote: Now,  
7 there's a couple other conditions of his parole that I want to  
8 advise the Probation Office of. During the time that he's on  
9 parole Mr. Bierley will only be allowed access to this  
10 courthouse under the following conditions:

11 He may be here on official business, for instance,  
12 if he's here filing papers on behalf of himself related to a  
13 case. Obviously I will accept no pro se motions regarding  
14 this case.

15 If he's here, if he's subpoenaed as a witness in a  
16 case and has to be here, if he has to come to court to attend  
17 any functions or go to any of the offices here other than the  
18 court offices for any personal matters that he would have to  
19 attend to, such as voter registration.

20 However, he may not be here simply to observe  
21 trials or do any other things without permission of the Court.  
22 And the way that will be handled during that 11 months is  
23 that, Mr. Bierley, if you want to come to court for some  
24 reason, you're to advise your parole officer. Your parole  
25 officer has the guidelines.

1 MR. BIERLEY: Okay, sir. First off, it says I may  
2 not be there to observe trials or other things of that sort,  
3 which do not fit into the list you just mentioned. I was  
4 there on the list you just mentioned ahead of it, taking care  
5 of my own business. And I have never been allowed to see this  
6 transcript and no order, no order was ever issued effective  
7 from this sentencing, so how did I know this?

8 THE COURT: Well, I don't quarrel with you that you  
9 may not have been in the best of health at the time of the  
10 sentencing, et cetera, and perhaps you didn't even remember  
11 this portion. But the record is clear that Judge DiSantis  
12 ordered verbally from the bench that you would need to advise  
13 your parole officer if you wanted to come to court for some  
14 reason.

15 So, again, I'm not going to get in the middle of  
16 your dispute with Judge DiSantis, that's between you and the  
17 Court of Common Pleas of Erie County. But for purposes of the  
18 federal case, I have no subject matter jurisdiction over that  
19 dispute because, under the Rooker/Feldman Doctrine, I cannot  
20 review state court adjudications or evaluate constitutional  
21 claims that are inextricably intertwined with the decision of  
22 a state court. A federal district court should not assume  
23 jurisdiction where the relief requested in the federal action  
24 would effectively reverse the state decision or void its  
25 ruling.

1           And the citation for that is Gulla, G-U-L-L-A,  
2       versus North Strabane. That can be found at 146 F.3d, 169.  
3       That's a decision from the Court of Appeals for the Third  
4       Circuit in 1998.

5           Here it's clear that the claims that you have made,  
6       Mr. Bierley, are inextricably intertwined with the issues that  
7       have already been decided in the prior state adjudication,  
8       namely, the trial, conviction, and sentencing that you  
9       underwent in Judge DiSantis' court. So were I to grant you  
10      the relief that you seek here, I would effectively reverse  
11      Judge DiSantis' prior rulings, and that is something that I do  
12      not have jurisdiction to do.

13          With respect to your Section 1983 claims,  
14      Mr. Bierley, you do not allege that you are a member of a  
15      protected class. Now, if you are an African American or a  
16      minority, then I will give you leave to amend your complaint.  
17      But if you are not a member of a protected class for racial or  
18      other reasons, then you cannot state an equal protection claim  
19      under Section 1983.

20                 MR. BIERLEY: May I speak then?

21                 THE COURT: Yes, go ahead.

22                 MR. BIERLEY: No. 1, if I wanted to take special  
23      classification, I would be under the classification of one  
24      wrongfully accused of having serious psychiatric problems and  
25      being very much bothered and disturbed to try to force me to

1 do something really out of sorts and could give them a chance  
2 to put me in jail again, that's No. 1 of what I would say.

3 No. 2 is you were wrong about Rooker/Feldman, sir,  
4 because this memo does not have any docket number on it  
5 whatsoever; and although it may be considered to be related to  
6 1133, it is not a document from CP 1133 of '03. It is not  
7 recorded in the Clerk's Office.

8 THE COURT: What document are you talking about,  
9 the memo do you mean?

10 MR. BIERLEY: Yes.

11 THE COURT: I am not relying on the memorandum  
12 notice for my decision. I am relying upon the transcript of  
13 the sentencing, which clearly is part of your criminal case.

14 MR. BIERLEY: Okay, sir, but there is still one  
15 other thing. It is very important. It says a parole officer,  
16 but I got out of jail on bond. And there was never a hearing  
17 held as required by the rule of criminal procedure to revoke  
18 that bond when on January 24th the judge issued a fictitious  
19 order ordering me parole. Can I be on parole and on bond at  
20 the same time?

21 THE COURT: I am going to assume with you, for the  
22 sake of argument, Mr. Bierley, that the state court judge made  
23 a mistake, okay, I am going to grant you that as an  
24 assumption, okay.

25 MR. BIERLEY: I understand.

1 THE COURT: Your relief, when the state court judge  
2 makes a mistake of that nature, is to take him up on appeal to  
3 the Superior Court.

4 MR. BIERLEY: The next higher court.

5 THE COURT: That's the Superior Court. Not the  
6 federal district court.

7 MR. BIERLEY: Right, to the Superior Court in this  
8 case. Which, sir, I was denied that by the Public Defender  
9 who was assigned to my case. He didn't do a thing with that.  
10 He didn't mention a case law that specifically says that the  
11 particular incident as it were was not even a crime by  
12 Pennsylvania law, namely Commonwealth versus Kelly. He did  
13 not mention any of my case laws which I got which showed in  
14 the case of disorderly conduct in the courtroom it had to be  
15 within hearing distance of the judge or some such thing. And  
16 the judge in this case, whose courtroom is where it occurred  
17 in, claimed in a letter, which is in the record, states, I did  
18 not hear anything, I did not see anything, therefore I refuse  
19 to testify at your trial.

20 THE COURT: Again, Mr. Bierley, those are issues  
21 that you can take up in the state court.

22 Ms. Butler, did you wish to say something?

23 MS. BUTLER: Yes, I did, Your Honor, thank you. As  
24 a matter of fact, Mr. Bierley has filed an appeal of Judge  
25 DiSantis' order with the Superior Court and he most recently

1 on May 5th, 2005, filed his brief. The brief on behalf of the  
2 Commonwealth is not due until June 6th. That's still an  
3 ongoing proceeding.

4 So Mr. Bierley is well aware of what his avenues  
5 are for recourse against an order that he feels was wrong by  
6 Judge DiSantis, and he is doing that.

7 THE COURT: That is pending right now?

8 MS. BUTLER: Yes, it is, I have the dockets right  
9 in front of me. The number in the Superior Court is 78 WDA  
10 2005.

11 MR. BIERLEY: And --

12 MS. BUTLER: And the related one?

13 MR. BIERLEY: Yes.

14 MS. BUTLER: See, that's what I am saying. You are  
15 very well aware what you have to do.

16 MR. BIERLEY: Yes, I am, Your Honor --

17 MS. BUTLER: Wait just a second. The other one is  
18 1519 WDA 2004, and I also have what you filed in the Supreme  
19 Court for extraordinary relief. All of them stemming from the  
20 order that Judge DiSantis issued, and the number for the  
21 Supreme Court is 87 WM 2003, but that matter is closed because  
22 your application for extraordinary relief was denied on  
23 June 24th, 2004. So you are well aware, Mr. Bierley, of what  
24 it is you need to do to appeal Judge DiSantis' order.

25 MR. BIERLEY: Ma'am, there is a mistake in what you

1 said. The 1519 WDA 2004 does not stem from the orders on this  
2 conviction.

3 MS. BUTLER: Well, according to what I have in  
4 front of me, which I received from the Superior Court, it's  
5 concerning the disorderly conduct charge that the jury  
6 convicted you on, and the docket number is the lower court  
7 docket number, CP 1133 of 2003. That's the other information  
8 I received from Superior Court.

9 MR. BIERLEY: But that was on a denial of Rule 600  
10 relief.

11 MS. BUTLER: In any event, Your Honor --

12 THE COURT: That's all right, I get the point on  
13 that. Let me continue to explain my ruling to Mr. Bierley.

14 With respect to the sheriff's office Defendants,  
15 Mr. Bierley, and the probation officer, Christensen, these --

16 MR. BIERLEY: Pardon me, I didn't catch a couple  
17 words there.

18 THE COURT: The sheriff's office Defendants and  
19 probation officer Christensen, they are entitled to qualified  
20 immunity because their actions were objectively reasonable and  
21 did not violate any clearly established right of which a  
22 reasonable person would know. The citation for that is Harlow  
23 versus Fitzgerald, a case decided by the Supreme Court in 1982  
24 and reported at 457 US 818.

25 These Defendants had been instructed by Judge

1 DiSantis to restrict Mr. Bierley's access to the courthouse  
2 and they had no reason to believe that this instruction was  
3 clearly violative of any of Plaintiff's constitutional rights.  
4 Therefore, ordering the Plaintiff to leave the premises was  
5 objectively reasonable.

6 Now, again, Mr. Bierley, I understand that you  
7 disagree with Judge DiSantis' memorandum. I understand that  
8 you disagree with his order to limit your access to the  
9 courthouse except upon prior notification to your parole  
10 officer. So I am not challenging that.

11 What I am telling you is that that's an issue that  
12 is between you and the state court, and Rooker/Feldman bars me  
13 from looking into that issue.

14 The last point I need to make is that the doctrine  
15 of judicial immunity mandates the dismissal of Judge DiSantis  
16 from this case. Judges are immune from liability when they  
17 possess jurisdiction over the subject matter and they are  
18 performing judicial acts under Stump versus Sparkman.

19 MR. BIERLEY: I know that one.

20 THE COURT: 435 US 349, decided in 1978. Immunity  
21 applies regardless of whether the actions complained of are  
22 alleged to have been in error, performed with malice, or were  
23 outside the judge's authority.

24 As you can see, judicial immunity is very broad,  
25 Mr. Bierley, and I am not suggesting you need to agree with



1 that law, but, nevertheless, it is the law from the Supreme  
2 Court that I must follow.

3 MR. BIERLEY: Yes, sir. My question, though,  
4 doesn't there have to be jurisdiction?

5 THE COURT: Let me just finish, then I will give  
6 you a chance.

7 Here there is no question that Judge DiSantis  
8 possessed jurisdiction --

9 MR. BIERLEY: There is, sir.

10 THE COURT: -- over Mr. Bierley's criminal trial  
11 and sentencing and he was performing a judicial act in  
12 imposing the courthouse restrictions as a condition of  
13 sentencing. That Mr. Bierley maintains these conditions were  
14 outside the judge's legal authority or were constitutional  
15 error does not deprive Judge DiSantis of the protection of  
16 judicial immunity.

17 And like the other issues that I have mentioned,  
18 Mr. Bierley, if you think that Judge DiSantis lacked  
19 jurisdiction or the sentence that he imposed upon you was  
20 somehow illegal, you are free to challenge that judicial act.  
21 You are free to challenge his exercise of judicial power  
22 through the state court system. But that's not a matter that  
23 is cognizable before me in federal court.

24 Now I will give you a chance to respond, sir.

25 MR. BIERLEY: Well, the matter of challenging was

1 done in state court and he denied me any answer to my motion  
2 for dismissal in the form of a habeas corpus in the Common  
3 Pleas Court as required by the new rules in the Pennsylvania  
4 Rules of Criminal Procedure and he claims it was out of time.

5 It was not out of time, sir. The time to do a  
6 motion to dismiss is as soon as you have the material to get  
7 it, and it was done properly. And the man does not have a  
8 sworn affidavit of criminal complaint or arrest warrant,  
9 therefore, the man never had jurisdiction of me on subject  
10 matter or in personam for a criminal act.

11 THE COURT: Again, those are issues you can  
12 litigate in the Superior Court. I understand you have a case  
13 pending there and I am not going to get in the middle of that.  
14 You can raise those arguments there.

15 I haven't heard anything from Mr. Carey, and I  
16 don't want to presuppose that you have to add anything based  
17 upon my rulings, but I want to give you an opportunity to  
18 speak if you wish, Mr. Carey.

19 MR. CAREY: Against my better judgment I will say  
20 something. Your Honor, I believe that the Court has hit the  
21 nail on the head with respect to every issue. And I believe  
22 that all of these defenses were properly raised in my motion  
23 and brief.

24 I also believe that the crux of the Plaintiff's  
25 complaint in this matter is the constitutionality of the

1 sentence he received from Judge DiSantis, and this Court lacks  
2 jurisdiction to do anything further with it.

3 With respect to the qualified immunity, I wanted to  
4 throw in a comment. In addition to the sheriff's deputies and  
5 the parole officer, in addition to their actions being  
6 objectively reasonable, I would like to state that I believe  
7 that they were also very restrained. Under the circumstances,  
8 they didn't file charges, they didn't place Mr. Bierley under  
9 arrest, and they didn't seek to revoke his parole or probation  
10 for violating any condition thereof. I think what they did  
11 was reasonable under the circumstances. So that's all I  
12 wanted to add today.

13 MR. BIERLEY: Sir.

14 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Bierley.

15 MR. BIERLEY: Page 13 of the sentencing transcript,  
16 last full sentence: Your parole officer has the guidelines.  
17 You will not have to contact me if it is on official business.  
18 But if they are for purposes of simply coming into court to  
19 accompany friends and those kinds of things, then he will need  
20 my permission.

21 Now, there it clearly states that the only  
22 restrictions on me was when I was there for anything other  
23 than my own business, and I was there for my own business,  
24 sir.

25 THE COURT: I agree with what you just read,

1 Mr. Bierley, but right before that Judge DiSantis made it  
2 clear that if you wanted to go to court for some reason, you  
3 had to give prior notice to your parole officer.

4 So I agree with you you didn't have to notify Judge  
5 DiSantis, but you did have to notify your parole officer.

6 MR. BIERLEY: It's the same difference there, sir,  
7 the way that's written. Either him or the parole officer.  
8 It's the same difference. I don't understand how you are  
9 making a difference on it.

10 THE COURT: Well, I think there's a distinction  
11 between the judge and the parole officer. I think that's  
12 where we are disagreeing, Mr. Bierley.

13 MR. BIERLEY: Well, sir, I have a right to file a  
14 motion for reconsideration or I can just read to you now three  
15 handwritten pages to state there is no jurisdiction and you  
16 are wrong.

17 THE COURT: I don't think that would be fair to the  
18 Court Reporter here because it is a little difficult to  
19 transcribe things over the phone. So I think I have made  
20 clear the reasons for my ruling on the record, Mr. Bierley.  
21 Again, I sympathize with your plight. I am not going to give  
22 you leave to amend your complaint because you said that your  
23 psychiatric condition would be the basis for an equal  
24 protection claim, and that simply under the law is not  
25 recognized as any kind of a suspect classification. I can

1 appreciate why you might suggest that it should be a suspect  
2 classification, but under current law it is not.

3 MR. BIERLEY: More to it than just that, sir.

4 THE COURT: Well, what I am going to do is I am  
5 going to enter the order dismissing the case with prejudice  
6 for the reasons I've stated on the record. I wish you well in  
7 your state court appeal, Mr. Bierley. As I have made clear on  
8 the record, you have every right to pursue that remedy, and  
9 Ms. Butler has made clear that you have availed yourself of  
10 that right.

11 MR. BIERLEY: Sir.

12 THE COURT: If you wish to file a motion for  
13 reconsideration of the order that I am going to enter, then  
14 that is perfectly fine. You're more than welcome to go ahead  
15 and file the three-page motion that you have drafted. I will  
16 study it carefully and if I have misunderstood anything or  
17 missed anything based upon your motion for reconsideration,  
18 then I will reverse myself.

19 I have on occasion granted motions for  
20 reconsideration. It is unusual because we try to get it right  
21 the first time and we try to study things very carefully ahead  
22 of time, but I will give very careful consideration to  
23 whatever motion for reconsideration you wish to file. All  
24 right?

25 MR. BIERLEY: Well, sir, would it matter if there's

1 a long history of abuse of the process such as has happened on  
2 1133 against me, and every time they have taken me down to the  
3 concrete court for the charge against me there was similar  
4 abuse of process, such as no arrest warrant, such as no sworn  
5 affidavit of complaint by someone with firsthand information,  
6 and such as a cop busted into my house on my first offense,  
7 punched me in my face, and I got arrested, charged with  
8 assaulting a police officer. And my Public Defender lawyer at  
9 that time didn't even go through with the demurrer where he  
10 asked, well, did you have an arrest warrant? No, I did not,  
11 sir. That is the kind of thing I have been subjected to  
12 constantly and in federal court they have constantly refused  
13 to help me.

14 On the second matter, the man who assaulted me was  
15 in a gang and actually committed perjury, his friend committed  
16 perjury, his mother committed perjury, and the Judge knew they  
17 committed perjury, and the federal court absolutely has  
18 refused to come out and give me the documents I need to prove  
19 it.

20 Now, this is the kind of history, and I could go  
21 on, but that's the kind of history that I'm up against. And  
22 in this court now, you, Judge Hardiman, are denying me the  
23 same kind of access to finally get something resolved to stop  
24 the Nazi dictators downtown in the courthouse from treating me  
25 like a platycyte or whatever kind of slave I am, because I am

1 a slave to them. I have no rights. And this was the final,  
2 this was the final insult.

3 I don't even have a right to go down there and use  
4 the law library or go down to the Clerk's Office or go down to  
5 the Prothonotary and take care of my own business without  
6 somebody's permission when I am not even on legal parole. I  
7 am not bond, the bond was never revoked. It was not  
8 generosity on the part of the sheriff or parole officers to  
9 not revoke my bond. There had to be a hearing. And when the  
10 hearing would come, then I would have discussed the  
11 possibility of 12 or 14 Rules of Criminal Procedure that were  
12 definitely violated, and the fact that I was in prison in the  
13 first place again was a violation of Rules of Criminal  
14 Procedure, and this is the mess I have been living with since  
15 1986.

16 THE COURT: Well --

17 MR. BIERLEY: Because these people in Erie County  
18 Courthouse are not in any manner fair. No way could they be  
19 said to be fair. And the arguments of immunity don't cut it,  
20 sir, because these people are criminals. They are  
21 cotton-picking traitors to our system. And they made it look  
22 like I'm the traitor and I'm the troublemaker and I am  
23 psychiatric. Well, sir, I do get excited.

24 And also I want one thing I would like to stipulate  
25 right now for the record, and I think I will add that to this

1 written appeal, if you still rule against me, is I do have  
2 multiple speech problems, some are emotional from abuse when I  
3 was young, several are from malformation in my mouth because I  
4 have AS -- what was it, FAS, fetal alcohol syndrome.

5 And those things aside, I do have something called  
6 an omega epiglottis. Epiglottis, sir, means I go into a  
7 singer's formant very easily if I get excited.

8 THE COURT: You go into what?

9 MR. BIERLEY: Singer's formant, F-O-R-M-A-N-T.  
10 Singer's formant. Like I do now. And I have no control over  
11 that. But what is good about that, if I were a professional  
12 singer, I don't have to practice to make my voice carry  
13 because as soon as I get eager about something, I get anxious  
14 about something, or I get surprised I'm there.

15 And they are claiming it is psychiatric problems  
16 for something that was physical, and that was put into the  
17 record by me on my second offer of proof.

18 THE COURT: Again, Mr. Bierley, if there was any  
19 error in the Erie County Common Pleas Court's jurisdiction, if  
20 there was an error with respect to the arrest warrant or your  
21 parole or your bond, I'm willing for purposes of this  
22 discussion and this argument here to assume that you are  
23 correct on that, sir. But if you are correct on that, there's  
24 nothing I can do, I have no jurisdiction to make that ruling.  
25 That's a remedy that you're going to have to obtain from the



1 Superior Court.

2 So I wish there was something I could do to make  
3 you feel that you were having your day in court, but the  
4 federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. And I have  
5 an oath to uphold to the Constitution and I cannot just grab  
6 jurisdiction in a case where I don't have it.

7 And what you're complaining about here, I  
8 understand that you feel you were wronged by the Erie County  
9 Court, and you have every right to try to get what Judge  
10 DiSantis did overturned by the Superior Court, and that's a  
11 case that's pending there and that's a decision that they are  
12 going to make one way or the other. I am not going to predict  
13 whether you're going to win or lose. I have no idea how  
14 that's going to come out. And it's not material to my work  
15 here in the federal court as to how that's going to come out.

16 Do you understand?

17 MR. BIERLEY: Sir, my rights are being violated. I  
18 am being criminally persecuted. I have been criminally  
19 persecuted for a long, long time, and the reason is because I  
20 am one of the members of the class that dare to speak back to  
21 these people. And that is a class action in itself.

22 THE COURT: All right.

23 MR. BIERLEY: Dare to speak back to them, that is  
24 why they want -- they sent a cop up there one night, lied to  
25 them and said I struck my daughter at school. He didn't have

1 an arrest warrant and busted into the house; and when he  
2 busted into the house, he knocked me over. I stood up and he  
3 beat me up like hell and I got blamed for striking a police  
4 officer. I will never admit I was wronged when that happened.

5 I will not admit the second time around when I know  
6 they used perjury to get a conviction on me. And they will  
7 not give me the medical records of that man because he was  
8 only 15 then.

9 Neither one of these is right to deny me the  
10 documents which I can take with the cotton-picking Court  
11 transcripts and show perjury was committed.

12 In addition to that, on that incident, just like  
13 this, there was no sworn affidavit of criminal complaint, sir.  
14 There was no arrest warrant. And there was not even a  
15 preliminary hearing on that one.

16 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Butler, do you have  
17 anything further at this time?

18 MS. BUTLER: Nothing, Your Honor, thank you.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Carey, anything further?

20 MR. CAREY: No, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Bierley, I have done the  
22 very best I can to give you every opportunity to speak. You  
23 are a very articulate man. I understood everything you said.  
24 I understand your plight and your arguments. I am sorry that  
25 you feel that you're being persecuted by the Court of Common

1 Pleas up there, but I am obliged to follow the law here and  
2 that's why I have to enter an order dismissing your case.

3 Again, if you wish to seek reconsideration of my  
4 order, I will study your motion for reconsideration very  
5 carefully. All right, sir?

6 MR. BIERLEY: How long do I have to have this in?

7 THE COURT: Ten days, sir.

8 MR. BIERLEY: Can you give me an extension of time  
9 right now since I am inundated with problems?

10 THE COURT: Certainly. How much time do you need?

11 MR. BIERLEY: I would like a 30-day extension, a  
12 total of 40 days.

13 THE COURT: I can give you a total of 30.

14 MR. BIERLEY: You can give me a total of 30. That  
15 will help.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. BIERLEY: I will submit a motion for  
18 reconsideration, sir. What date will it be due?

19 THE COURT: That will be due June 24th.

20 MR. BIERLEY: June 24, '05. Okay, sir.

21 THE COURT: I will study it carefully, but please  
22 keep in mind I am not an appellate court that reviews the work  
23 of the Erie County Common Pleas. I am limited in my  
24 jurisdiction. So please try to focus your arguments in your  
25 motion for reconsideration with that in mind.

1 All right, sir?

2 MR. BIERLEY: I already did when I wrote this piece  
3 of paper up that I have in front of me, sir.

4 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you, good day  
5 everybody.

6 (Record closed).  
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16 C E R T I F I C A T E

17 I, Richard T. Ford, certify that the foregoing  
18 is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the  
19 above-titled matter.

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